GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1260
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
DEVELOPMENT OF CONCRETE SLEEPERS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways remained deprived of a direct benefit of Rs.72.90 crores due to delay in giving final shape to new design by the RDSO and delay in approval by Railway Board for field testing of revised design of reinforced concrete sleepers developed by a private firm as has been pointed out by Comptroller and Auditor General of India in its Report No.8 of 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The concerned para of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's report has also been replied to clarifying that Railway has not suffered any loss as contended by Audit.

(c) Does not arise.